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Fire-places and Accessories.

The fire-places of the Indian tribes here dealt with consist of a few branches laid on the ground, pointing to the same centre, over which the food is roasted or cooked.

The babracot is unknown in the Chaco, as it is in the Andes, in Patagonia and in Tierra del Fuego. In the Chaco the *Wooden spit* is used exclusively. It is sometimes furcated. (Fig. 17¹⁾). Of the Indian tribes visited by me the following exclusively used the spit (Map 7): (2) Ashluslay, (19) Aymara, (5) Chané (4) Chiriguano (1), Choroti, (6) Mataco (18) Quichua (3) Tapiete (7) Toba. The Mestizos in the Argentine also use the spit exclusively.

The following tribes which I have visited are acquainted with the *babracot* Atsahuaca, Cavina, Chacobo, Chána, Chimane, Guarayú (Mission); Guarayú (Pauserna), Huanyam, Huari, Tambopata-Guarayo, Yamiaca, Yuracaré.

The babracot and probably also the spit, are to be found among most of the tribes in Brazil, Guayana, Venezuela, and Columbia. The Ashluslay spit, but not the babracot, are stated to be used, in addition, by the (44) Charrua²⁾ (97)

Fig. 17. Wooden spit.
Ashluslay.
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¹⁾ See also "Indianerleben", pl. 10.

²⁾ ARAUJO, p. 121.